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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/584,658	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SCHWARZ ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b> CHIKAO DILI E. ANYIKIRE	<b>Art Unit</b> 2482

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#### Status

- 1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2007.
- 2a)  This action is FINAL.      2b)  This action is non-final.
- 3)  An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on \_\_\_\_\_; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
- 4)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 5)  Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 5a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 6)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 7)  Claim(s) 1-3 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 8)  Claim(s) 4-9 is/are objected to.
- 9)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 10)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 11)  The drawing(s) filed on 09 May 2007 is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 12)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CB-08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10584DETAILED ACTION**

***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. Acknowledgement is made of the applicant's information disclosure statement.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-3 and 10 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hui et al (US 7, 092,441, hereafter Hui).

As per **claim 1**, Hui discloses method for digitally encoding a picture sequence, wherein the frames of said picture sequence are arranged in macroblocks containing pixel blocks and the frames are encoded in bi-predictive and predictive and/or intra coding types denoted B, P and I, respectively, and wherein adaptively, for the purpose of overall bit rate control, a specific frame target number of bits is assigned to these coding types, and wherein said overall bit rate control includes a frame-layer rate control

and a macroblock-layer rate control which macro-block-layer rate control selects macroblock quantization parameters, said method comprising the steps:

assigning a target number of bits to anchor frames but not assigning a target number of bits to non-anchor frames (column 6 lines 42 – 60);

coding the macroblocks of said anchor frames using macroblock-layer rate control by adaptive macroblock quantization parameters, and coding the macroblocks of said non-anchor frames without macroblock-layer rate control by using fixed macroblock quantization parameters (column 7 lines 7-35).

Regarding **claim 2**, arguments analogous to those presented for claim 1 are applicable for claim 2.

As per **claim 3**, Hui discloses method according to claim 1, wherein the quantization parameter used for the coding of non-anchor frames in a current group of frames is directly derived from the average quantization parameter of the previously encoded anchor frame belonging to that group (column 10 lines 28-31).

Regarding **claim 10**, arguments analogous to those presented for claim 1 are applicable for claim 10.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 4-9 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHIKAODILI E. ANYIKIRE whose telephone number is (571)270-1445. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 7:30 am to 5 pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on (571) 272 - 7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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